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Interprovincial Policing Act, 2009, Bill 203

Mr. John Yakabuski: I appreciate the introduction of the bill on the part of the minister. Our critic, the member for Simcoe North, Garfield Dunlop, is unable to speak to the bill at this time because we didn't have a whole lot of notice as to when it was going to be brought for second reading.

I did hear some interesting stuff from the minister. We're always looking for ways that we can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of policing, here and across the country. We're going to be taking a good look at this bill to see if that is in fact what it accomplishes. I certainly want to give the minister the benefit of the doubt, because the premise behind the bill is certainly one that we can all support; because we all have recognized and have seen instances in the past where the inability of police to pursue across borders or whatever has inhibited them with respect to apprehending criminals.

We are going to be taking a look at the nuances and the minutiae of this bill in order to make proper comment on it, but we do appreciate the fact that the government has at least recognized that there is a situation that needs to be addressed here in Canada. We hope that this bill in fact does that. When we have more opportunity to examine it in its totality, we'll be in a better position to comment further.